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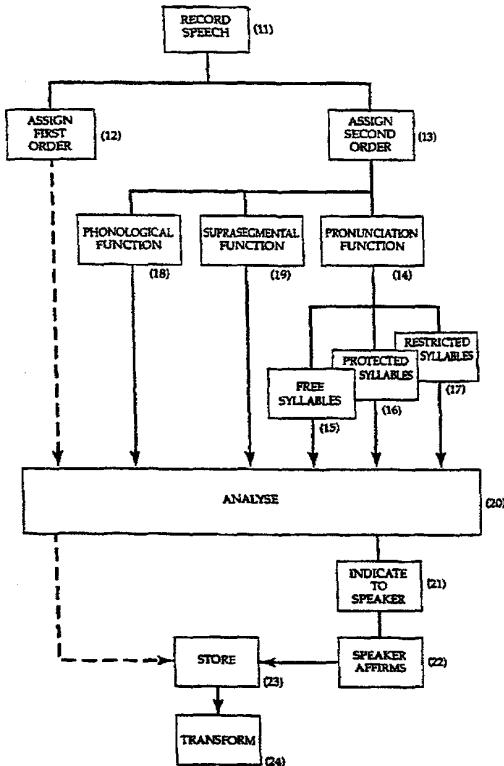
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(57) Abstract: A method is disclosed of recognising Spoken English (SE) consisting of words having syllables and phonemes, in which the method includes assigning to SE words a first order of signification (12) which includes standardised indicators having agreed meanings independent of the speaker. It also includes designating the syllables in words as being protected, restricted or free syllables which assigns a potential variability to each syllable that may be obtained in connected speech. A second order of signification is also assigned to SE words (13), this second order having variable indicators which have meanings which are generated by the speaker and are dependent on the context of the word in the flow of connected speech.



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